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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance includes a statement of the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The reasons include, *inter alia*, the statement that "by means of additional limiting electrodes an area provided by means of control electrodes for forming said granular gas is limited to the exterior" (emphasis added). Applicants wish to clarify that the claims are not necessarily limited to a location of the granular gas being limited to the exterior. For example, claim 4 recites that limiting electrodes are provided which limit the area for forming the granular gas from an exterior.

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